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Thanks

.. to Cass Whalen, Michele & Steve Martin for your diligent preparations in advance of Calf Club Day ... and to all of those parents helping out with animals and indoor exhibits

.. to the team of parents working on the school hangi ... this is a lot of work and we really do appreciate your commitment.

.. to those dads and granddads baking and icing cakes

.. to Autonorth and Omak Meats who are sponsors of this year's Calf Club (and to Ringrose Stockfoods for sponsoring the ribbons)

People of the week

.. Caleb who is so committed to improving his fitness that he actually ran home from school one day this week .. as far as Hikurangi.

.. James who actually brings two sunhats to school each day in case someone has forgotten theirs. This is hugely thoughtful James.

.. Michelle for achieving a silver medal for her floor routine at the Gymnastics Nationals over the holidays. Awesome effort - congratulations Michelle!!

.. Emma whose reading is going ahead in leaps and bounds. Well done!

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative). We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

23 October	Calf Club Day
27 October	Labour Day holiday
29/30 October	WBHS entry testing (at Matarau)
4-7 November	Year 4 camp at Marsden Bay
5 November	Year 5 to 8 Zone Athletics at Poroti School
6 November	Central Calf Club Day
12 November	Year 7 and 8 EOTC day ... more to follow
25 November	Year 4 to 6 Interschool Athletics
26 November	Year 7 and 8 EOTC Day at Whangarei Falls
27 November	Whangarei Girls' High School Orientation Day
27 November	Year 8 girls HPV 3 vaccination
2 December	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
10 December	Prize Giving (pp 15.12)
11 December	reports issued
16 December	Final school day for 2014
2 February	First day of the 2015 school year.

Calf Club day 2015 - 16 October - From 9:30am

Please extend a cordial invitation to extended family to spend this day with us. Be sure to join us for lunch around mid-day and take some time to view the indoor exhibits in the hall. Don't forget to bring money along for sausages, ice blocks and the cake auction.

Calf Club - in brief

- .. animal judging gets underway on the bottom field around 9:30 AM
- .. *parents are asked to please send to school 2 plates of finger food per family (in place of your child's regular lunch) for a shared lunch. Please place food on the tables outside the staffroom when you arrive in the morning.*
- .. lunch will be around mid-day (when events on the lower field are completed)
- .. *indoor exhibits will be open for viewing in the hall from around 10:00 AM*
- .. children are asked not to remove exhibits or cards before 2:00 PM
- .. the senior school will be selling sausages (\$2 each), drinks and ice blocks on the lower field all morning so please bring some money.
- .. if parents taking their child early (no earlier than 2:00 PM please) may do so but must complete the early departure book at the school office.
- .. cakes are to be dropped onto the table at the rear of the hall no later than 10:00am please .. or on the Wednesday afternoon.
- .. please come prepared to bid in our cake auction (bidding forms will be attached to each cake) .. remember, all proceeds go directly to the children.
- .. buses will leave at their usual time after school, but drop off times may be earlier than usual due to significantly lighter loadings.
- .. *we are especially appreciative of parents who stay behind for even half an hour or so to dismantle tents and pens on the bottom field.*

Hangi Orders

Last orders will be taken on Monday afternoon, please be sure to place orders by then, at the school office. Tickets will be issued and you will need one to claim your hangi choice.

Option 1 - Potato, kumara, stuffing, cabbage, chicken - \$5.00

Option 2 - Potato, kumara, stuffing, cabbage, chicken & lamb - \$7.00

Year 3 and 4 Camp meetings

Please note the following dates / times ..

22 October 7:00pm Room 8 - general camp information meeting. All interested parents welcome.

30 October 7:00pm - camp meeting for parent helpers. Any questions please to Miss Gentil

School Cups

2014 prize giving is coming fast. If you have school cups at home please get these to school asap. Thanks

Term 4 virtue

.. watch this space

Reminders

.. we are happy to supervise children (for a brief time) after school if you think you may be late in collecting them from bus drop off points.

2015 Calendars

Art for 2015 Calendars is now complete. Order forms were sent home this week. Art is available for viewing at the office, if required. All orders and payments due at the office no later than 7th November.

Scholastic Books, Issue 7

Went home this week. All orders and payment due back at the office by Friday 24th Oct please.

Sunhats

Are compulsory in term 4. Please make sure your child has their sunhat on Monday. Hats are available from the office at a cost of \$9.

PMP help wanted

For term 4 Tuesday or Wednesday starting 28 and 29 October (Week 3) 1.30-3.00pm Please see Rachael if you can be a regular or casual helper.

Junior School Shoeless Day

The Junior school is participating in the Shoeless Day next Friday 24th October. Children are asked to come to school shoeless and bring a donation to raise money to send 1800 kids in Cambodia to school for 5 years. This will help provide shoes, uniforms and school books that their families simply cannot afford. We will have fun feet activities on that day.



Home Gardens

Please email photos of your child's garden for sharing in our Tuesday lunchtime meetings to sabbott@matarau.school.nz

Fundraising Chocolates

Were sent home this week. If your child did not receive a box and would like one, please see the office. Money or unsold chocolate is due in by Wednesday 5th November.

Year 7 and 8 programme

If you would like to know more, or ask questions, about our year 7 and 8 (intermediate) programme, a meeting will be held in the staffroom at 7:00pm Tuesday 21 October. You might like to pencil this in. Questions please to Mr D.

After School Labs

There will be no after school labs this term. Thank you to those who have used labs this year. Our data is tending to show accelerated progress for these children ... so well done!

2015 Senior School Camp

A reminder that notices regarding this were sent home last term with all current Year 6 & 7 students. It would be hugely helpful if we could have any outstanding forms back next week so we can confirm bookings. Thank you for your assistance with this. We are sorry to have to ask for these so early but it really is necessary to book this far in advance. Please address any queries to Mr D or Mrs Donaldson.

Overdue Library Books

A number of books are still outstanding. If you received an overdue notice last term please do a thorough search at home and send the book along to school on Monday.

Term Headlice Inspection

Is scheduled for week 3. If you think you can help please give Donna a call.

Matarau Hockey

Last player of the Day for the hockey season was:



Mini Sticks
Zak Trigg

Te Reo Phrase of the week

Ata marie - Good morning

Finally

Please arrange to share part (or all) of our Calf Club Day with us. We are proud to be a rural school and so here is an opportunity to celebrate this together. Don't forget a couple of plates of food per family for our shared lunch. See you next week.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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Fundraising Opportunity

Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser on their PGG Wrightson account, between 1 September and 30 November 2014, can earn cash for their local school. This is a good opportunity to raise some money for our school.

Community Notices

Athletics Club Kensington Athletic track 5.30pm - 6.30pm Friday nights Registration night was Friday 10th October but still keen to hear from other interested parents. 5-6 yr olds \$25; 7-13yr olds \$60; 14yr olds plus \$75 More info contact fitsue.71@gmail.com

Rautangata Playcentre AGM Tuesday 28th October, 11.30am at Playcentre (1190 Pipiwai Rd). All welcome.

Pre-Schoolers - Playgroup – every Tuesday 9.30-11.30, **Mainly Music** - every Thursday 10am-11am at Kaurihohore Church, Apotu Rd, Kauri (next to Kauri School).

Fun Football Centre (Indoors) for 5-8 year olds – 8 week block commencing today Tues 14th October
Girls Only Summer Football for Girls aged 7-12 years – 8 week block commencing Tuesday 21st October. Anyone can register for these programmes, they don't have to be registered to a club. For further info contact Christine Taylor, T 09 437 7294, M 021 795 074, W www.nff.org.nz

Help your Child to Learn - Is your child struggling to learn? Having difficulty at school? Want some helpful strategies to assist your child? This FREE short course gives a general overview of how children learn & what can prevent academic/school learning from being straightforward. Suitable for parents/caregivers with children aged from 7-11 years. Facilitated by our experienced tutor, Sheryn Comrie. Learn ways to provide support at home including games to make learning fun! Date: Starts Mon 3 November, 6.30-8.30pm for 3 weeks. Enrol online: www.cew.ac.nz Enquiries: cew@kamohigh.school.nz Phone: 09 435 0889

Kamo Swimming Club – 2014/15 Season of Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo, from Monday 3rd November at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights also held regularly. Registration day Friday 31 October at 4.30pm KHS Pool, come and enrol. Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season – very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent. Contact Karena Nesbit – 027 470 7955.



Maunu School Country Fair to be held on 1 November 2014 from 10am to 2pm, corner Austin Road and SH14. Lots of parking and eftpos available. Activities include sedgways, trailer rides, cake and sweet stalls, water walkers, pony rides, face painting, paintball and much more.

RUAKAKA SURF LIFESAVING – JUNIOR SURF PROGRAMME – from 5 to 13yr olds, Club Open day is Sunday 26th October from 10am. To find out more call or text Nikki Thompson 09 432 7252 or 022 354 9623 or email: ruakakasurfpatrol@gmail.com

School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Mugeli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. See order form attached to this week's newsletter if you want to bulk order for term 4.